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Mr. MELOTTE is to be congratulated upon so important a discovery. It is all the more creditable because it comes in the line of regular, routine work in observing satellites photographically, of which a number of valuable contributions have been published from Greenwich. It is also a credit to a climate which has the reputation of being unsuited to the exactions of large telescopes.

C. D. PERRINE.

Mt. HAMILTON, May 21, 1908.

MEASURES OF β 208.

Dr. SEE has recently called attention to this binary star, stating that it is now passing periastron, and that the relative motion is therefore very rapid and the companion perhaps invisible. The following measures, made with the 36-inch refractor, may therefore be of interest:—

1907.21	181°.4	0".35	2 ⁿ
1908.28	190°.0	0".39	1 ⁿ

Comparing these positions with my measures in the two preceding years, viz:—

1905.18	167°.5	0".30	2 ⁿ
1906.10	177°.3	0".30	5 ⁿ

it does not appear that the apparent motion is increasing in rapidity at the present time. It would seem that any estimate of the form of the orbit is premature.

R. G. AITKEN.

May 22, 1908.

EXPLANATION AND CORRECTION.

The two half-tone illustrations of the solar corona accompanying my article, "The Crocker Eclipse Expedition of 1908," in the last number of these *Publications*, made and printed by an Eastern firm, were excellent in the proof-sheets supplied us, but so poor in the printed product that we regret having made another attempt to publish a corona in this manner. The engraver's printer has been the means of sadly misrepresenting this section of the expedition's work. An error was made, also, in orienting the half-tone block of the smaller corona (Frontispiece): the side marked *W* should have been marked *N*, etc.

W. W. CAMPBELL.